(b) whether the Calcutta Region of the Central Warehousing Corporation has a different practice;

(c) if so, what designation for heads of warehouses in Calcutta Region are in vogue; and

(d) whether necessary steps would be taken immediately to bring about uniformity in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Warehouse Manager.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Representations by Employees of Food Corporation of India

4119. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has received representations from the Class-IV Union and FCI Workers' Union of A.R.D.C. Dhulkot (Ambala City) on 15th July, 1991 and 1st November, 1991;

(b) whether the FCI Scheduled Castes| Scheduled Tribes Employees' Welfare Association, New Delhi have also represented to the Food Corporation of India;

(c) if so, the details of demands contained in those representations; and

(d) what action Government have taken on these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d) Representations were received from the class-IV Union, FCI Workers' Union of ARDC, Dhulkot, Ambala City and the Regional Secretary, SC|ST Welfare Association demanding action against class-III employees for their alleged attempt to defame class-IV employees. The matter was investigated by the concerned authorities of FCI and the dispute settled amicably.

Increase in Price of wheat and Rice

4120. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently increased the issue price of wheat and rice distributed through public distribution system;

(b) if so, the extent of increase in issue price and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have monitored the effect of the increase in the prices on the general price level and if so, details thereof;

(d) whether Government have recently decided to open fair price shops in 1700 selected blocks;

(e) if so, details thereof; and

(f) whether Government would ensure timely and regular supply of essential items these shops for sale to common people of the areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Following the increase in the minimum support prices of wheat and paddy, the Central issue prices for public distribution system (ex-FCI godown) for wheat has been increased from Rs. 234|- to Rs. 280|- per quintal and that of rice from Rs. 289|- to Rs. 377|- per quintal for fine and from Rs. 370/- to Rs. 458/- per quintal for superfine varieties with effect from 28-12-1991.

(c) It is not possible to directly correlate variation in general price level to increase in issue prices mentioned above.

(d) to (f) In about 1700 blocks identified by Government for improvement of public distribution system, the State Governments inter alia propose to open more fair price shops. All efforts are made by Govt. for regular supply of essential items to the fair price shops.